Donation received by charitable institutes from Abroad

†2922. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Christain missionary institutions registered under Income Tax Act as charitable institutions in the country as on 31st October, 2005;

(b) the total amount of donation received by these institutions from abroad, country-wise and donation received from India during the last three years;

(c) the number of Christian missionary institutions out of this number which have been provided exemption under the law under the Income Tax Act;

(d) the amount of exemption provided to them; and

(e) the details of the institutions out of these which file annual return under Income Tax Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (e) No centralized data is maintained by the Government. The information has to be collected from the field formations spread all over the country. Verification of the registers/records by the field formations and compilation, forwarding and consolidation of the data will require substantial engagement of manpower thereby affecting the core functions of the Income-tax Department *i.e.* assesment and tax collection. However, if the Hon'ble Member desires information about any particular charitable institution, the same can be collected and furnished.

VRS for employees of LIC

2923. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have implemented a VRS for the employees of LIC similar to the one implemented in the Public Sector Banks;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have also decided to tap the primary market and float an IPO to raise funds for the LIC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No need was felt to introduce Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Life Insurance Corporation of India as it has adopted a growth strategy which would involve redeployment of its employees to the key areas of revenue generating activities.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Insurance Scheme for poor

2924. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced a National Insurance Scheme for poor families;

(b) whether Government have a road map of the scheme for implementation;

(c) if so, what is the stage of its implementation; and

(d) what will be the time-frame before which the entire scheme could be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.